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Our Civil Court reports, the Money Article, and the Markets, will be found on the second page, and Literary Items on the sixth page.

## Business Notices.

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intelligence enough to take hold of any good opportunity of conveying a broad insinuation as to their rights and demands. Viewing the proportion of blacks to whites in Charleston, the recent demonstration was an exceedingly natural one.

We give this morning an abstract of the English Reform bill as introduced into the House of Commons on the 18th of March, together with accounts of the speeches of the Chancellor of the Exchequer and of Mr. Gladstone. It is stated in the English papers that so great an interest has rarely been witnessed in the proceedings of Parliament as on this occasion. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, in admitting that, in the opinion of the Government, an extension of suffrage was desirable, again deemed it necessary to denounce democracy and to express the hope that the fate of England would never be to exist under a democracy. The main principles of this bill have already been stated. It adopts the rating principle, to which the Chancellor says the House during the last session came with "unerring instinct." The most peculiar feature of the system is the "dual" principle, according to which every person who paid 20 shillings direct taxation should possess a vote, and if he was a householder paying rates, should exercise the privileges of both franchises. Mr. Gladstone attacked with great vigor most of the propositions which had been made. On the next day, Mr. Mill announced that he would move to strike out the word "man" in the bill, and substitute for it person, with a view of securing the introduction of female suffrage.

## THE RUSSIAN SLICE.

The Administration has the credit of having made various attempts to cover up its failures at home by a stroke of foreign policy. Mr. Seward from time to time stirred up the Alabama claims. He tried (or was tried) to have tried to acquire an island in the Mediterranean. The British Government has been subjected to threatening letters about the punishment of the Fenian prisoners in Canada. Mr. Fox was towed across the ocean in a Monitor to go on a junketing tour in Russia in a half diplomatic capacity, that he might caress the czar, and make faces at other sovereigns with whom we were not on so good terms. Above all, there always hung in the air the menace of ordering the French troops out of Mexico—a matter in which Mr. Seward's discretion continually got the better of his valor, and we never did. Now, finally, (we hope it is finally) we have a proposed treaty with Russia for the acquisition of Russian America. This we understand as merely one other item in the same programme. The collapse of the President's home policy is so total and so disastrous that attention must be diverted elsewhere at any cost. Russian America is a good way off, and so a good place on which to fix the public eye.

The getting of all this land offers us no advantage that can counterbalance the objections to the treaty, when we come to deal with it as a matter of public policy of grave moment to this Republic. Of course, there are no arguments that will have any weight with the "manifest destiny" mob, who believe we ought to annex all British America, at a week's notice. But we are confident that sober-minded people will not be blinded by the glitter of the prize held up to them. Whatever can be said in favor of acquisition is said in the dispatches with which the State Department has favored the public press. The objections to it may be summed up briefly.

## THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

The rival parties in our State will hold delegate Conventions on the same day—Wednesday, April 10th—the Republicans at Syracuse, the Democrats at Albany, each to nominate sixteen delegates at large to our approaching Constitutional Convention. Three delegates to the Republican Convention at Syracuse are to be chosen from each Assembly district; and should any District Committee fail to call a District Convention therefor, we would suggest the propriety of a mass meeting of Republicans at 2 p. m., on Saturday next, (April 6,) at the place where the last Republican Assembly Convention was held, to choose three delegates to Syracuse as aforesaid.

In all human probability, the sixteen delegates nominated at Syracuse by the Republicans and the sixteen nominated at Albany by the Democrats at the State Conventions thus appointed will all be elected, and will constitute one-fifth in number of the entire Constitutional Convention; while, should they be such men as are plainly contemplated by the act—the ablest, wisest, strongest men of both parties—they cannot fail to exert a powerful influence over the deliberations and conclusions of the Convention. We urge, therefore, good men of either party to act promptly and energetically in the premises. Let us have the men nominated on either side who ought to be entrusted with this most responsible and critical service, rather than those who want to be. Not that it is wrong or indicative to desire election to the Convention; but the right sort of men will not be forward in pressing their claims, nor in logging and button-holding to insure their own nomination. We need at least thirty-two men in the Convention who would prefer to stay out of it if they could do so without prejudice or hazard to the public weal.

The Democratic party is more compactly organized and far better disciplined than the Republican—a condition which has its evils, but its compensating advantages also. If Dean Richmond were alive to-day, he would substantially name the sixteen Democratic delegates at large to the Constitutional Convention. Of course, he would take counsel and listen to suggestions; but, having heard, his decision would be final. In his absence, Peter Cagier, Sanford E. Church, Samuel J. Tilden, and Benjamin P. Fairchild, can together exercise very nearly his former power. These four gentlemen might sit down to-morrow in a private parlor and make out a list of delegates that would, to a moral certainty, be nominated at Albany next week. We say they might do it—not that they ever did or would do anything of the kind. And we may say further, that, if they should do it, the ticket would unquestionably be stronger and abler than if the choice were left to the chance-medley of a ballot in Convention.

The Democratic General Ticket will certainly be a strong one. Any intelligent politician could to-day name it and not err in more than two to four names of the sixteen. And, if the Republican ticket should not be a very strong one, the Democratic poll in the aggregate will exceed ours by thousands. For the bulk of our voters are widely scattered or farms, whence they must travel two to ten miles each to reach the polls; while our opponents are mainly dwellers in cities and villages, who can vote on their way to business or when returning to dinner. To poll many things like a full vote, the Republicans must travel twice if not thrice as many miles in the aggregate as the Democrats. Hence, we need a ticket that folks will much rather vote for than not, even though they have to travel half a day for it. So, friends in each Assembly District! resolve this day to be represented at Syracuse, and by delegates who will not go thither to grind anybody's ax, but to confer, select, and nominate the sixteen strongest and best Republicans we can find in the State!

We would suggest the propriety of selecting also at the Assembly district meetings this week delegates to the Conventions which are to nominate our local delegates. These are to be chosen by Senate districts—four from each—and we must nominate able and strong men here also. The notice is very short; our district nominees should be nominated next week; and there is neither time nor reason for holding further primary meetings for a choice of delegates to nominate these. The Assembly district committees promptly give notice that delegates will be chosen at the district

meetings now to be held to nominate district as well as State delegates to the Constitutional Convention.

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The getting of all this land offers us no advantage that can counterbalance the objections to the treaty, when we come to deal with it as a matter of public policy of grave moment to this Republic. Of course, there are no arguments that will have any weight with the "manifest destiny" mob, who believe we ought to annex all British America, at a week's notice. But we are confident that sober-minded people will not be blinded by the glitter of the prize held up to them. Whatever can be said in favor of acquisition is said in the dispatches with which the State Department has favored the public press. The objections to it may be summed up briefly.

I. We have more territory than we want. The United States now cover an area of Three Millions of square miles. At the close of the war for Independence, we had 829,680 square miles, to which we added more than as much again by the purchase of Louisiana; 66,900 when we got Florida; 318,000 with Texas; 308,052 by the Oregon treaty; and by our extraordinary bargains with Mexico 550,453 more. We have at this moment hundreds of millions of acres which the end of this century will not see tilled. We have 12,000 miles of sea coast unsurpassed by any other nation. On the Pacific coast, our flag covers 2,381 miles. Russian America would give us about 400,000 square miles of territory, and would nearly double the length of our coast line.

II. The tendency of Republics is to expand beyond the limit of economical control. To the already vast domain embraced within our jurisdiction, it is proposed to add a territory sparsely inhabited by Indians and traders. This will involve the establishing at once of a Territorial Government, the building of forts, arsenals, Government offices, the employment of troops and ships of war, and the paying of a legion of public officials, good mainly for drawing their salaries. Nobody will pretend that for many years this territory will begin to pay expenses. It is to cost us Seven Millions of Dollars in hard cash (Greenbacks) not being a Legal Tender at St. Petersburg, and this money we have got to raise by selling more bonds in Europe at seventy cents on the dollar, on which again interest will have to be paid by laying fresh taxes on our sorely burdened people. It is a luxury we are in no condition to afford.

III. But it is not even a luxury. We have literally no use for this territory, if we acquire it. We do not want any more naval depots on the Pacific than we now have. If the superabundant energy of Young America cannot find fields wide enough in the unoccupied lands of the Great West, in the yet almost untouched resources of the Mining States and Territories, we can secure additional facilities by a commercial treaty with Russia. If she is willing to sell all, she will sell part. But it is idle to talk of needing land, or of needing more fisheries and fur-trading, while labor is scarce in three-fourths of the United States, and capital is daily sought for the development of resources that promise the surest and richest returns to enterprise and thrift. Still less is there any call for the occupation of Russian America for "strategic" purposes. In peace, such occupation will require an enormous outlay to maintain a warlike establishment. In war, it will prove alike useless for aggression, and an incubation for defense. Against what dwellers at the North Pole do we propose to commence a campaign?

IV. The territories we have acquired from Mexico—Arizona, New-Mexico, &c.—have cost us a great deal more than they give us, and are to-day a drain upon our resources instead of a help to them. By so much as Russian America is more distant, inaccessible, and inhospitable, would it be more costly than either of our most recent acquisitions. We have no room for statistics, but the facts are too notorious to be called in question.

—Finally, the mere suggestion, which is put forward at least semi-officially, that the occupation of Russian America will be a sort of menace to Great Britain by interposing between her American possessions and the Pacific, ought to condemn the whole project. We have no occasion to be dealing in impertinences. If we want a quarrel with that power, we can have it any day without going to the North Pacific Ocean for a pretext. We see no reason to suppose Great Britain would quarrel—how could she? But we put ourselves in the attitude of seeking ostentatiously the friendship of a power not friendly to England, and of contracting what is tantamount to an alliance for the sake of an affront. It is the beginning—or perhaps, not the beginning, but rather another step—of a policy foreign to our traditions and alien to our true interests. We cherish a hearty good will toward Russia, but we are utterly opposed to being drawn into any sort of alliance with her other than commercial and peaceful. This treaty, if consummated, will prove a dangerous precedent and a stimulus to further entanglements. We do not believe it will be consummated, but if it is, the Senate to withhold its ratification. If that body should assent, the treaty still cannot be carried into effect without an express appropriation for the payment of the purchase money, and we judge the lower House will think twice before it finds any the public money in this Quixotic land-hunt.

According to a Cable dispatch, ex-Governor Eyre "has been acquitted after a short examination." We presume discharged is meant instead of acquitted, as the examination he was undergoing was simply the magisterial investi-

gation preliminary to committal. We are not informed that this examination took place; but as Mr. Eyre, influenced it is asserted by the opinion of his legal advisers, declined to go up to London from his residence in Shropshire and surrender himself, as did Colonel Nelson and Lieut. Brand, we infer that it was conducted by some rural magistrate, who, it would seem, made short work of the business. The examination before Sir Thomas Henry, a London Police Magistrate, of the case of Nelson and Brand, charged with precisely the same offense as Eyre stands accused of, occupied several days, was most patiently conducted by the magistrate, and resulted in the parties being committed for trial.

## QUEST OF PLACE.

Some of our readers will undoubtedly remember the menagerie-man's description of an "unhappy animal"—"He can't live in the water and he dies on land!" and this is precisely the purgatorial position of a great many seekers for office in Washington. If the President smiles upon them, the Senate frowns; if they are disaffected to the White House, there can be no nomination; if they please his Excellency, there can be no confirmation—and thus their money is expended and their patience exhausted, while the rays of hope vouchsafed to them grow cold and scanty. Under such distracting circumstances, sensible men would pack their valises, pay their tavern bills if possible, and return to their sweet homes without delay. Half the time,